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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DIRECTIVE ON AIR COMPRESSOR
NOISE EMISSIONS

REF: (A) STATE 140093; (B) BRUSSELS 14442;
(C) STATE 206389

1. USG OFFICIALS (STATE, EPA, USDOC) MET WITH U.S.
INDUSTRY, INCLUDING COMPRESSED AIR AND GAS INSTITUTE
(CAGI), ON 25 AUG. 78 TO REVIEW STATUS OF THE PROPOSED EC
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DIRECTIVE AND TO OBTAIN U.S. INDUSTRY REACTION TO REFTEL
(B).

2. REGARDING THE QUOTE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEASUREMENT
METHODS UNQUOTE METIONED IN REFTEL (B), BOTH EPA AND
CAGI OBSERVED THAT THE ACTUAL DIFFERENCE RESULTING FROM
DIFFERENT METHODS IS MINIMAL--ABOUT 1 DB, AT MOST. THE

REAL PROBLEM, THEREFORE, REMAINS THE LEVELS SPECIFIED IN THE PROPOSED DIRECTIVE, NOT THE MEASUREMENT PROCESS.

3. U.S. INDUSTRY MAINTAINED THAT THE RECOMMENDED NOISE LEVELS SPECIFIED IN REFTEL (A) ARE REALISTIC AND ACHIEVABLE.

CAGI REPEATED ITS POSITION (MENTIONED IN REFTEL (A)) THAT AIR COMPRESSORS WHICH MEET THE EPA STANDARDS WOULD BE THE QUIETEST EQUIPMENT ON A TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND THAT IF THESE STANDARDS SHOULD BE MADE MORE STRINGENT--AS THE EC PROPOSES--THIS SHOULD BE DONE ONLY AFTER OTHER CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NOISE LEVELS ARE COMPARABLY REDUCED. CAGI REP COMMENTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS EUROPEAN COUNTERPART (PNEUROP) AND WITH INDIVIDUAL EC FIRMS REVEALED THAT WEIGHT GIVEN EC INDUSTRY INPUT IN DEVELOPING THE PROPOSED EC STANDARDS HAD BEEN MINIMAL, AND THAT EC REGULATORY AUTHORITIES SELECTED THE NOISE LEVELS CONTAINED WITHIN THE PROPOSED EC DIRECTIVE BASED UPON TECHNOLOGY OF QUOTE SUPER-SILENCED MACHINES UNQUOTE, POSSIBLY AT THE URGING OF WEST GERMANY. U.S. INDUSTRY FURTHER INFORMS US THAT PNEUROP FAVORS THE LEVELS WHICH CAGI PROPOSED IN REFTEL (A) AND THE SECRETARIAT FOR PNEUROP, MR. SPIRO OF THE BRITISH COMPRESSED AIR SOCIETY, IS COMMUNICATING PNEUROP'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED EC LEVELS TO THE COMMISSION. (WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY SUCH CORRESPONDENCE AND FORWARD IT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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USEC.)

4. AT CLOSE OF USG/U.S. INDUSTRY MEETING ON AUG. 25, PARTICIPANTS ENDORSED USDOC (J WILLIAMS) PROPOSAL THAT BOTH USG AND U.S. INDUSTRY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED U.S./EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL (C) INDICATES THAT THE TOPIC OF NOISE EMISSIONS OF AIR COMPRESSORS IS ON THE AGENDA). WE THEREFORE PROPOSE: (1) THAT APPROPRIATE USG, U.S. INDUSTRY, AND EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS HOLD A DAY OF TECHNICAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE U.S./EC CONSULTATIONS ON THE LIKELY HEALTH, WELFARE, ECONOMIC, AND TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED 1983 EC STANDARD, INCLUDING U.S. AND EC INDUSTRY ABILITY TO REALISTICALLY MEET THE STANDARD; AND (2) THAT USG AND EC POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS CONSIDER IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS THE CONCLUSIONS OF PRIOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE AS TO THE EC COMMISSION'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SUCH A TWO-STEP CONSULTATION. CHRISTOPHER

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